



# PELLA'S RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE PROGRAMS

- Please contact City Hall at (641) 628-4173 with any questions about these programs.
- Per City code each residence is required to participate in the solid waste program. Recycling participation is encouraged but not required. Each household is allowed one City issued recycling tote and garbage tote\*
- Totes are the sole property of the City of Pella and are provided for residential use.
  - Garbage totes come in 3 sizes: 35 gallons Small, 65 gallons Medium and 95 gallons Large.
  - Recycle totes, with yellow lids, are available in one size, 95 gallons.
  - Residents are responsible for the cleanliness and maintenance of totes. Fees may be charged for the replacement of lost or damaged totes. (small \$52, medium \$58, large \$75)
  - Totes are assigned to each address by a serial number located on the tote and must remain when a resident moves. Totes must be left clean and in good repair or charges may apply.
  - New residents are granted a 30-day period in which they may change their garbage tote size at no cost. Once the grace period expires there is a \$50 charge to change tote sizes.
- Collection of household solid waste and recycling is one time per week.
- Items must be set out by 7:00am to ensure pick up. Items set out after 7:00am will not be picked up.
- Collection days are determined by the house address. Contact City Hall to verify the collection day.  
*\*Holidays may affect the pick-up day. Check the City Newsletter for any changes to the regular schedule. Newsletter is delivered with the utility bill each month and is also available at [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com).*
- Two bulk clean up weeks are included in the monthly fee that residents pay for solid waste services. Typically, these weeks are scheduled in the spring and fall. Residents are notified via the City Newsletter (included in the utility bill) or on the City website several weeks prior to the event. There are some restrictions to this program. These are detailed in City code and are also contained in the event notification information.



The City of Pella also provides a year-round yard waste program for residents. Collection of yard waste takes place on Wednesdays. Only City approved yard waste bags are collected. The program also includes the collection of bundled brush meeting size and weight requirements. More information on this program is contained on the following pages.

\* Pella City Code Chapters 105, 106, & 171 provide additional information on solid waste services. Arrangements for an additional large garbage tote may be made.

## SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

### DO'S

- Place totes out by 7:00 am on pick up day.
- Place tote within 4 feet of the curb and at least 4 feet away from any obstructions such as recycle bins, mailboxes, signs, or parked cars.
- Bag garbage prior to placing it in the tote. This will help reduce fly-away litter in the neighborhood.
- Remove totes from the street within 12 hours after collection.



### DON'TS

- Do not over fill the tote. The lid on the tote must be fully closed if the tote is to be dumped.
- Do not pile extra trash next to the tote. This will not be picked up.
- If there is more trash than the tote can hold, residents should contact the City's solid waste hauler or any other licensed solid waste hauler to schedule an extra pick up at the resident's own expense.
- Do not assume that if trash is normally collected at 9:00 am that it will always be collected at that time. Containers must be placed out by 7:00am on pick up day. The hauler is not required to follow the same route and may alter routes at their discretion.
- Do not place appliances, electronics, hazardous materials or other items banned from the landfill out for collection or in the garbage tote.



## RECYCLING PROGRAM

### DO'S

- Glass (clear, brown, green) Bottles & Jars
- Tin, aluminum cans & foil
- Newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail, glossy newsprint, office paper, computer paper, chipboard (cereal boxes), pulp fiber (egg cartons) and corrugated cardboard.
- Plastics (#1 - #7)
- Rinse items!
- Break down all boxes & remove styrofoam
- Keep the recycling totes at least 4 feet away from the garbage tote or other obstructions.



### DON'TS

- Yard waste
- Soiled or wet paper
- Waxy cardboard
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Carbon paper
- Un-rinsed bottles
- Broken glass
- Bottles or containers with lids, rings or caps
- Ceramics and porcelain
- Window glass
- Dishes and vases
- Plastic bags and bread wrappers,
- Plastic wrapping paper
- Oil and antifreeze containers
- Styrofoam
- Plastic lids
- Aerosol cans
- Cans that stored gasoline, kerosene and paint
- Construction/Remodel/Demolition Debris
- Sharps (needles, syringes, etc.)

## YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The City of Pella's Yard Waste Program was developed to simplify the collection and payment procedures, establish a system in which only residents using the program pay for and to meet the State of Iowa requirements for management of yard waste. Yard waste/brush may not be placed in garbage totes!

All yard waste must be set out at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, please call Public Works at (641) 628-1601.

### YARD WASTE BAGS

1. Only City-authorized yard waste bags will be picked up. City-authorized bags are identified by the words: Metro Waste Authority. These can be purchased at the following locations:
  - City Hall - 825 Broadway
  - Public Works - 100 Truman Rd.
  - Theisen's - 403 E. Oskaloosa
  - Stravers True Value - 818 Main St.
  - Hy-Vee - 118 SE 9th St
  - Fareway - 2010 Washington St
  - Casey's - all locations
2. Filled yard waste bags must weigh less than 40lbs. Bags exceeding 40lbs will not be picked up.
3. Yard waste bags will be collected every Wednesday, March through November. During the winter months of December, January, and February, yard waste bags will be collected the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month only.
4. Bags: \$4.75 per package of five yard waste bags (\$0.95 per bag). Casey's, Fareway, Stravers, Hy-Vee and Theisen's are required to charge tax on the bags.

Be careful! Some stores may sell "look-alike" bags, which will not be picked up because they do not have the label: **Metro Waste Authority**.



### STICKERS: BUNDLED BRUSH

1. Brush that will not fit in yard waste bags must be bundled using string, rope, or other biodegradable material (no wire or plastic). Brush bundles must measure less than 48 inches long, 30 inches in diameter, weigh less than 40 pounds, and must not contain branches greater than 3 inches in diameter.
2. Brush bundles meeting the above requirements will be picked up on Wednesdays if a City-authorized sticker is attached.
 

\*The City will collect the brush bundles, meeting the above requirements, at no charge, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month (no sticker required).
3. Stickers will only be good for bundled brush meeting the requirements. Stickers placed on any other type of waste will not be picked up.
4. City-authorized stickers are identified by the words: **Compost It!**
5. Stickers: \$0.70 per sticker, Stickers are sold at City Hall and Public Works only.



## APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS

Appliances and electronics are banned from Iowa landfills and therefore cannot be placed in regular trash. In addition, these items may not be placed out for pick up on bulk clean up days.

**Appliances and electronics include but are not limited to:** Microwaves, dehumidifiers, AC units, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers/dryers, TVs, hard drives, monitors, laptops, VCRs/DVD players, cell phones, cameras, stereos, cable & satellite equipment.



### Disposal Options for Appliances or Electronics:

- Contact South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency at (641) 828-8545 for more information on their appliance and electronic recycling programs.
- There may be local companies that collect these items at no charge or for a small fee. To ensure the safety of our environment please be sure that these companies are properly certified by the EPA or DNR to handle collected items.
- Watch for locally sponsored collection events. These are advertised in the City Newsletter, on the City Website and often advertised in the local newspapers.
- When purchasing new items look for companies that have take back programs.
- Visit the EPA (<http://www.epa.gov/>) and IDNR (<http://www.iowadnr.gov/>) websites for information on recycling or donation programs and providers.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is banned from Iowa landfills and therefore cannot be placed in regular trash. In addition, these items may not be placed out for pick up on bulk clean up days.

### Hazardous Waste includes but is not limited to:

Oil based paint\*, stains, varnishes, pesticides, drain & oven cleaners, lawn & pool chemicals, aerosol cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs



### Disposal Options for HHW:

- Contact South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency at (641) 828-8545 for more information on their Household Hazardous Waste program or visit them at [www.sciswa.org](http://www.sciswa.org).
- Each year the South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency sponsors a free HHW drop off event in the Pella area. This event is held in the spring of each year and has historically been held in Pella. Information on this event can be found in the City Newsletter or on the City's website a few weeks prior to the event.

*\*Latex paint is not considered hazardous. Dry out old latex paint by putting cat litter or sawdust in the can. Once dried, it can be put out with regular trash. **DO NOT** put liquid paint in the garbage tote!*

## RECYCLING FOR ART!



The City of Pella's Art Programs at the Community Center can also make use of certain items! Appreciated donations include: plastic containers with lids (yogurt, cool whip, etc.), old CD/DVD cases, picture frames, non-treated wood scraps, toilet paper or paper towel tubes, old t-shirts, newspapers, wrapping paper, molded cardboard packing materials, caps from water or juice bottles. Drop off donations at 712 Union St or Call the Community Center Office at 628-4571 for more information.